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Furman et al. ✓

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For: ✓ **Methods of Functionalizing and Functionalized Metal Oxide Particles and Mechanically Strong and Transparent or Translucent Composites Made Using Zirconium Oxide Nanoparticles**

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Group Art Unit: 1773 ✓

Examiner: Hoa T. Lee ✓

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**RESPONSE TO SECOND OFFICE ACTION
WITH REVISED FORMAT OF AMENDMENTS**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

This paper is filed in response to the second office action mailed April 9, 2003. The following is an attempt to comply with the new "revised format" for claim amendments.